

## State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

January 10, 2019

System No. 1503380

Dennis Tristao, Environmental Affairs Manager  
JG Boswell Tomato Company LLC  
P.O. Box 457  
Corcoran, CA 93212

### CITATION NO. 03\_19\_19C\_001 TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL (MCL) VIOLATION FOR NOVEMBER 2018

Enclosed is Citation No. 03\_19\_19C\_001 (hereinafter "Citation"), issued to the JG Boswell Tomato Company LLC Water System (hereinafter "Water System"), public water system, for violation of the total coliform MCL during the month of November 2018. **Please note that there are legally enforceable deadlines associated with this Citation beginning on page 5.**

The Water System will be billed at the State Water Resources Control Board's (hereinafter "State Water Board"), hourly rate for the time spent on issuing this Citation. California Health and Safety Code, (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116577, provides that a public water system must reimburse the State Water Board for actual costs incurred by the State Water Board for specified enforcement actions, including but not limited to, preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation. At this time, the State Water Board has spent approximately one (1) hour on enforcement activities associated with this violation.

The Water System will receive a bill sent from the State Water Board in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any enforcement time spent on the Water System for the current fiscal year.

Any person who is aggrieved by a citation, order or decision issued under authority delegated to an officer or employee of the state board under Article 8 (commencing with CHSC, Section 116625) or Article 9 (commencing with CHSC, Section 116650), of the Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4), may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of the citation, order or decision.

Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the issuance of the citation, order or decision by the officer or employee of the state board. The date of issuance is the date when the

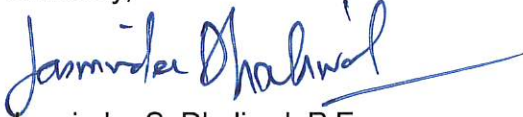
Division of Drinking Water mails a copy of the citation, order or decision. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day by 5:00 p.m.

Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking\\_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Tehachapi District Office at (661) 335-7315 or via email at [dwpdist19@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dwpdist19@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jaswinder S. Dhaliwal", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jaswinder S. Dhaliwal, P.E.  
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tehachapi District  
Southern California Drinking Water Field Operations Branch  
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Enclosure: Citation No. 03\_19\_19C\_001

Certified Mail No. 7002 0860 0000 1963 2545

cc: Kern County Dept. of Public Health, Env. Health Division  
Dayah Cervantes, Environmental Affairs, JG Boswell Tomato Company (via email)  
Lary Wyrick, Plant Manager, JG Boswell Tomato Company (via email)

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD  
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

**Name of Public Water System:** JG Boswell Tomato Company LLC

**Water System No:** 1503380

**Attention:** Dennis Tristao, Environmental Affairs Manager  
JG Boswell Tomato Company LLC  
P.O. Box 457  
Corcoran, CA 93212

**Issued:** January 10, 2019

**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH  
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 116555(a)(1) AND  
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64426.1(b)(2)**

**TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION**

**November 2018**

The California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116650 authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "State Water Board"), to issue a citation to a public water system when the State Water Board determines that the public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section



1 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued or adopted  
2 thereunder.

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4 The State Water Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking Water  
5 (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director for the Division, hereby issues  
6 Citation No. 03\_19\_19C\_001 (hereinafter "Citation"), pursuant to Section  
7 116650 of the CHSC to the JG Boswell Tomato Company LLC Water System  
8 (hereinafter "Water System"), for violation of CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and  
9 California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"), Title 22, Section  
10 64426.1(b)(2).

#### 11 12 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

13 The Water System is classified as a nontransient noncommunity public water  
14 system with a population of 225, serving 6 connections. The Water System  
15 operates under Domestic Water Supply Permit No. 03\_19\_17P\_017, issued  
16 on November 22, 2017, by the State Water Resources Control Board.

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18 CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) requires all public water systems to comply with  
19 primary drinking water standards as defined in CHSC, Section 116275(c).  
20 Primary drinking water standards include maximum levels of contaminants  
21 and the monitoring and reporting requirements as specified in regulations  
22 adopted by the State Water Board that pertain to maximum contaminant  
23 levels.

24  
25 CCR, Title 22, Section 64426.1(b)(2), Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant  
26 Level (hereinafter "MCL"), states that a public water system is in violation of  
27 the total coliform MCL if it collects fewer than 40 bacteriological samples per

1 month and if more than one sample collected during any month is total  
2 coliform-positive.

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4 One (1) routine bacteriological sample, collected on November 12, 2018,  
5 tested positive for total coliform bacteria. Two (2) samples, also collected on  
6 November 12, 2018 from Well 01 and Well 03 tested negative for total coliform  
7 bacteria. Five (5) repeat samples were collected on November 15, 2018,  
8 including one (1) sample from the Storage Tank and one (1) sample from the  
9 Well 01 (aka South Well). One (1) repeat sample, from the Storage Tank,  
10 tested positive for total coliform bacteria. None of the total coliform positive  
11 samples showed the presence of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria.

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13 To investigate the total coliform positive samples, five (5) samples were  
14 collected on December 3, 2018, from the distribution system, the storage tank,  
15 and Well 01. All five (5) samples tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

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17 It is noted that a bacteriological sample collected on December 10, 2018, from  
18 Well 01 (South Well) tested positive for total coliform bacteria and negative  
19 for *E. coli* bacteria. To help clear contamination from the well, the Water  
20 System disinfected and flushed the well, storage tank, and distribution  
21 system, and collected one follow-up bacteriological sample from the well on  
22 December 13, 2018, and four samples from the distribution system on the  
23 same day, and all five samples tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

24  
25 Due to the total coliform treatment technique trigger under the federal revised  
26 total coliform rule (rTCR), the Water System was required to complete the  
27 Level 1 Assessment within 30 days of the total coliform treatment technique  
28 trigger, with a due date of December 15, 2018. On December 14, 2018, the

1 State Water Board received a completed Level 1 Assessment (copy provided  
2 in **Appendix 1**) from Dayah Cervantes. According to the Level 1 Assessment,  
3 bacteriological contamination may be due to a low amount of chlorine in the  
4 system. The Water System took corrective actions which included removing  
5 and replacing chlorine and disinfecting the storage tank. As part of the  
6 corrective actions, the Water System also disinfected and flushed Well 01.

7  
8 Due to the total coliform MCL violation in November 2018, the Water System  
9 was required to provide Tier 2 public notification within 30 days of the violation.  
10 On December 11, 2018, the Water System provided the public notification and  
11 has submitted a copy of the notice to the State Water Board (**Appendix 2**).  
12 The Water System also submitted the Certification Form (**Appendix 3**) for the  
13 Tier 2 public notification.

14  
15 Section 64426.1(c), Title 22 of CCR requires the Water System to notify the  
16 State Water Board of the total coliform MCL violation by the end of the  
17 business day on which the violation happens and no later than 24 hours if  
18 violation happens after business hours. It is noted that the Water System  
19 failed to notify the State Water Board of the total coliform MCL violation in  
20 November 2018, within the specified time frame. The Water System failed the  
21 total coliform MCL on November 16, 2018. The Water System did not contact  
22 the State Water Board until December 10, 2018.

## 23 24 **DETERMINATION**

25 The Water System took fewer than 40 bacteriological samples during  
26 November 2018. The results of two (2) routine and repeat samples were total  
27 coliform positive. Therefore, the State Water Board has determined that the  
28 Water System has failed to comply with drinking water standards pursuant to



1 CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) and CCR, Title 22, Section 64426.1(b)(2) during  
2 November 2018.

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4 The Water System violated the total coliform MCL on November 16, 2018,  
5 and did not contact the State Water Board until December 10, 2018. Section  
6 64426.1(c), Title 22 of CCR requires the Water System to notify the State  
7 Water Board of the total coliform MCL violation by the end of the business day  
8 on which the violation happens and no later than 24 hours if the violation  
9 happens after business hours. Therefore, the State Water Board has  
10 determined that the Water System also violated Section 64426.1(c), Title 22,  
11 CCR.

### 12 13 DIRECTIVES

14 The Water System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 15  
16 1. The Water System shall include these violations in the 2018 Consumer  
17 Confidence Report in accordance with CCR, Title 22, Section  
18 64481(d)(3).
  - 19 2. In the future, the Water System shall contact the State Water Board by  
20 the end of the business day on which the total coliform MCL violation  
21 happens and no later than 24 hours if the violation happens after  
22 business hours.
  - 23 3. On or before **January 18, 2019**, complete and return to the State Water  
24 Board the "Notification of Receipt" form attached to this Citation as  
25 **Appendix 4**. Completion of this form confirms that the Water System  
26 has received this Citation and understands that it contains legally  
27 enforceable directives(s) with due dates.
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All submittals required by this Citation shall be electronically submitted to the State Water Board at the following address. The subject line for all electronic submittals corresponding to this Citation shall include the following information: Water System name and number, citation number and title of the document being submitted.

Jaswinder S. Dhaliwal  
[Dwpdist19@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Dwpdist19@waterboards.ca.gov)

The State Water Board reserves the right to make modifications to this Citation as it may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

Nothing in this Citation relieves the Water System of its obligation to meet the requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

#### **PARTIES BOUND**

This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Water System, its owners, shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

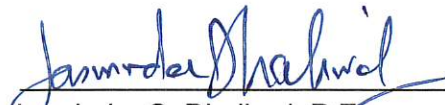
#### **SEVERABILITY**

The directives of this Citation are severable, and the Water System shall comply with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any provision.



**FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

The California SDWA authorizes the State Water Board to: issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the State Water Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board, and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the State Water Board. The State Water Board does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.



Jaswinder S. Dhaliwal, P.E.  
Senior Sanitary Engineer, Tehachapi District  
Southern California Drinking Water Field Operations Branch  
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER

Jan. 10, 2019

Date

**Appendices (4):**

1. Level 1 Assessment Form dated December 14, 2018
2. Public Notice dated December 11, 2018
3. Certification of Completion of Public Notification Form dated December 11, 2018
4. Notification of Receipt Form

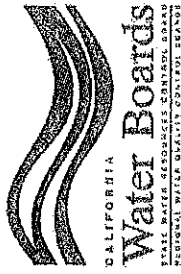
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CC: Kern County Dept. of Public Health, Env. Health Division (w/o appendices)  
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# APPENDIX 1. LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT FORM DATED DECEMBER 14, 2018

# REVISED TOTAL COLIFORM RULE (RTCR) – LEVEL 1 ASSESSMENT Groundwater with Chemical Removal Treatment

This form is intended to assist public water systems in completing the investigation required by the federal revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) [effective April 1, 2018] and may be modified to take into account conditions unique to the water system. To avoid a violation, an assessment report must be completed and returned to your local regulatory agency no later than 30 days after the trigger date.



## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Entity Name: J. G. Boswell PWSID NUMBER: System Type: NTNC	Name	System Address & Email 36889 Hwy 58, Buttonwillow	Telephone Number 661-764-9000
Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) Person that collected TC samples	Dennis Tristao Jerry Mason	4100 Atlas Ct., Bakersfield	661-327-4911
System Owner: J. G. Boswell	B C Labs		
Certified Laboratory for Microbiological Analyses			
Date Investigation Completed: 12/10/18			
Month(s) of Coliform Treatment Technique Trigger: 1 month - all samples collected in Dec. absent			

## INVESTIGATION DETAILS

SOURCE	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	WELL (name)	COMMENTS (attach additional pages if needed)
	#1				
1. Inspect each well head for physical defects and report	No				
a. Is raw water sample tap upstream from point of disinfection?	yes				
b. Is wellhead vent pipe screened?	yes				
c. Is wellhead seal watertight?	yes				
d. Is well head located in pit or is any piping from the wellhead submerged?	no				
e. Does the ground surface slope towards well head?	no				
f. Is there evidence of standing water near the wellhead?	no				
g. Are there any connections to the raw water piping that could be cross-connections? (describe all connections in comments)	no				
h. Is the wellhead secured to prevent unauthorized access?	yes				
i. To what treatment plant (name) does this well pump?	system				
j. How often do you take a raw water total coliform (TC) test?	monthly				
k. Provide the date and result of the last TC test at this location	11/12/18				

## CHEMICAL REMOVAL TREATMENT

	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	COMMENTS
1. If you provide any chemical removal treatment in addition to disinfection, was there any equipment failure?	No				
a. Have you inspected the chemical treatment units?	yes				POE at each Building



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CHEMICAL REMOVAL TREATMENT		PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	COMMENTS
b. What is the condition of the treatment units?		good					
2. Did you collect a bacteriological quality or HPC sample from the treatment plant?		No					
3. Do you think the source of bacteriological contamination in the distribution system may be the chemical treatment media/vessels?		no					
4. What actions have you taken or plan to take?							
5. Any additional important information?							

CHLORINATION TREATMENT		PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	COMMENTS
1. If you provide continuous chlorination treatment, was there any equipment failure?		No					
a. Did this result in a loss of chlorine residual at the entry point to distribution system? If Yes, how long?							
b. Was emergency chlorination initiated? If Yes, how long?		no					
2. Did the distribution system lose chlorine residual?							
3. If you do not provide routine chlorination, was emergency chlorination initiated? If Yes, when?							
4. Inspect each point where disinfectant is added and report							
a. For hypochlorinator systems							
1. Is the disinfectant feed pump feeding disinfectant?		yes					
2. What is the feed rate of disinfectant in ml/minute		4.0					
3. What is the concentration of the disinfectant solution being fed? (percent, or mg/L of chlorine as HOCl)		12.5					
4. By what method was the concentration of solution determined? (ex: measured, manufacturer's literature)		literature					
5. What is the age (days) of the disinfectant solution currently being used at this treatment location?		2 months					
6. What is the raw water flow rate at the point where disinfectant is added in gallons per minute?		2000gpm					
7. What is the total chlorine residual measured immediately downstream from the point of application?		1.92					
8. What is the free chlorine residual measured immediately downstream from the point of application?		1.79					
9. What is the contact time in minutes from the point of disinfectant application to the first customer?		4 hours					

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\*: The "PLANT" could just be a chlorinator.

DISINFECTION TREATMENT OTHER THAN CHLORINATION (if any)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	PLANT (NAME)	COMMENTS
1. Do you provide any disinfection treatment other than chlorination? If Yes, What type?	No				
2. Was there any equipment failure? If Yes, how long?					
a. Did this result in a loss of disinfectant residual at the entry point to distribution system? If Yes, how long?					
3. Did the distribution system lose disinfectant residual?	yes				
4. Was emergency chlorination initiated?	yes				Disinfection of storage tank
If Yes, when?					
5. Inspect each point where disinfectant is added and report:					
6. For UV disinfection systems:					
a. Is the UV disinfectant equipment working properly?					
b. What is the UV dosage in milli joules per sq. cm (mJ/cm <sup>2</sup> )?					
c. By what method was the feed rate/residual concentration determined? (ex: measured, manufacturer's literature)					
d. What is the age of the UV lamps currently being used at this treatment location?					
e. What is the raw water flow rate at the point where UV is added?					

STORAGE	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	COMMENTS
1. Is each tank locked to prevent unauthorized access?	Stg Tank				
2. Are all vents of each tank screened down-turned to prevent dust and dirt from entering the tank?	Yes				
3. Is the overflow on each tank screened?	Yes				
4. Are there any unsealed openings in the tank such as access doors, water level indicators hatches, etc.?	No				
5. Is the roof/cover of the tank sealed and free of any leaks.	Yes				
6. Is the tank above ground or buried.	Above				
a. If buried or partially buried, are there provisions to direct surface water away from the site.					
b. Has the interior of the tank been inspected to identify any sanitary defects, such as root intrusion?	No				Inspected in 2015
7. Does the tank "float" on the distribution system or are there separate inlet and	Inlet/outl				

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STORAGE	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	COMMENTS
	Sig Tank	et lines			
8. What is the measured chlorine residual (total/free) of the water exiting the storage tank today?	1.79 free/ 1.92 Total				
9. What is the volume of the storage tank in gallons?	60,000				
10. Is the tank baffled?	no				
11. Prior to the TC+ or EC+, what was the previous date items #1-7 were checked and documented?	8/2018				

PRESSURE TANK	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	TANK (name)	COMMENTS
	# 1				
1. What is the volume of the pressure tank?	19 years				
2. What is the age of the pressure tank?	Air compres sor				
3. Is the pressure tank bladder type or air compressor type?	no				
4. Did the pressure tank(s) deviate from normal operating pressure?	no				
5. Is the compressor pump running more often than normal?	no				
6. Is the tank bladder(s) is water logged?	no				
7. Is the tank(s) damaged, rusty, leaking, or has holes?	no				
8. Was there any recent work performed?	yes				
9. Is the air relief vent (if there is one) on the pressure tank screened and facing downwards?	no				
10. Can the inside of the pressure tank be visually inspected thru an inspection port? If so, when was the last time it was inspected?	no				

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	SYSTEM RESPONSES
1. What is the minimum pressure you are maintaining in the distribution system?	60 – 90 psi
2. Did pressure in the distribution system drop to less than 5 psi prior to experiencing the total coliform positive finding.	no
3. Has the distribution system been worked on within the last week? (service taps, hydrant flushing, main breaks, main extensions, etc.) If yes, provide details.	no
4. Are there any signs of excavations near your distribution system not under the	no



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DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM	SYSTEM RESPONSES
direct control of your maintenance staff?	
5. Did you inspect your distribution system to check for mainline leaks? Do you or did you have a mainline leak?	Yes – no leaks
6. If there was a mainline leak, when was it repaired?	n/a
7. On what date was the distribution system last flushed?	11/20/18
8. Is there a written flushing procedure you can provide for our review?	no
9. Do you have an active cross connection control program?	yes
10. What is name and phone number of your Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator?	Dennis Tristao, 559-992-2141
11. Have all backflow prevention devices in the distribution system been tested annually and if they did not pass, were they repaired/replaced and retested?	yes
12. On what date was the last physical survey of the system done to identify cross-connections?	05/2018

BOOSTER STATION	Response
1. Do you have a booster pump? How many? 4	
2. Do you have a standby booster pump if the main pump fails? Yes	
3. Prior to bacteriological quality problems, did your booster pump fail? No	
4. Do you notice standing water, leakage at the booster station? No	

SAMPLE SITE EVALUATION (Complete for all TC+ or EC+ findings)	Routine Site TC+ or EC+	Upstream Site	Downstream Site	Sample 4 (specify)
1. What is the height of the sample tap above grade? (inches)	Main office	Storage Tank	Main office	
2. Is the sample tap located in an exterior location or is it protected by an enclosure?	36" – Sink faucet Enclosure	30" exterior		
3. Is the sample tap threaded, have a swing arm (kitchen sink) or aerator (sinks)?	Swing arm	HB		
4. Is the sample tap in good condition, free of leaks around the stem or packing?	Yes	yes		
5. Can the sample tap be adjusted to the point where a good laminar flow can be achieved without excessive splash?	Yes	yes		
6. Is the sample tap and area around the sample tap clean and dry (free of animal droppings, other contaminants or spray irrigation systems)	Yes	Yes		
7. Is the area around the sample tap free of excessive vegetation or other impediments to sample collection	Yes	Yes		
8. Describe how the tap was treated in preparation for sample collection (ran water, swabbed with disinfectant, flamed, etc.)	Spray with alcohol			
9. Is this sample tap designated on the bacteriological sample siting plan (BSSP) as a routine or repeat site?	Yes	Yes	yes	

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SAMPLE SITE EVALUATION: (Complete for all TC+ or EC+ findings)				Sample 4 (specify)
	Routine Site TC+ or EC+	Upstream Site	Downstream Site	
10. Were the samples delivered to the laboratory in a cooler and within the allowable holding time?	Main office	Storage Tank	Main office	
11. What were the weather conditions at the time of the positive sample (rainy, windy, sunny)?	Yes			
	Inside	cloudy		

GENERAL OPERATIONS:	Response
1. Has the sampler(s) who collected the samples received training on proper sampling techniques? If yes, please indicate date of last training.	Jerry Mason (BC Labs) – date of last training unknown
2. Does the water system have a written sampling procedure and was it followed?	Yes
3. Where there any power outages that affected water system facilities during the 30 days prior to the TC+ or EC+ findings?	No
4. Were there any main breaks, water outages, or low pressure reported in the service area from which TC+ or EC+ samples were collected?	No
5. Does the system have backup power or elevated storage?	No
6. During or soon after bacteriological quality problems, did you receive any complaints of any customers' illness suspected of being waterborne? How many?	No
7. What were the symptoms of illness if you received complaints about customers being sick?	N/A

**SUMMARY:** Based on the results of your assessment and any other available information, what deficiencies do you believe to have caused the positive total coliform sample(s) within your distribution system? (DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)

Deficiency #	Deficiency Description
1.	PPM of chlorine low
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** What actions have you taken to correct the above mentioned deficiencies? If additional time is needed to correct a deficiency, indicate the date that it will be corrected. (DO NOT LEAVE BLANK)

Deficiency #	Corrective Action	Completion/Proposed Date

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1.	Removed and replaced chlorine and disinfected storage tank	11/19/18
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

NAME: *Quinn J. St.*

TITLE: *Environmental Affairs Mgr.* DATE: *12/14/2018*

Upon review of the Level 1 Assessment Form, the local regulatory agency may require submittal of the following additional information:

- Sketch of system showing all sources, all treatment and chlorination locations, storage tanks, microbiological sampling sites and general layout of the distribution system including the location of all hazardous connections such as the wastewater treatment facility.
- A set of photographs of the source, pressure tanks, and storage tanks in the system may be submitted if they would show that the contamination is directly related and changes have been made since the last inspection by the local regulatory agency.
- Name, certification level and certificate number of the Operator in Responsible Charge.
- Copy of the last cross connection survey performed that identifies the location of all unprotected cross connections.



**APPENDIX 2. PUBLIC NOTICE DATED DECEMBER 11, 2018**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.  
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### J G Boswell Tomato Company Water System Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We collected one (1) routine sample on November 12, 2018, which tested positive for total coliform bacteria. Four (4) repeat samples were collected on November 15, 2018. One (1) of the repeat samples, collected from the storage tank also tested positive for total coliform bacteria. A sample collected on November 15, 2018, from the well(s) in use tested negative for total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one (1) sample per month may do so. None of the samples tested positive for *E. coli* bacteria.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.

- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

### **What happened? What was done?**

The distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples do not show presence of bacteria.

Due to the total coliform treatment technique trigger during the month of November 2018, a Level 1 Assessment is required to be completed December 16, 2018, under the federal rTCR. We are working on completing the Level 1 Assessment and will take corrective actions, as directed by the State Water Board.

For more information, please contact Dennis Tristao, Env. Affairs Manager at (559) 992-2141, Ext. 3259 or P.O. Box 457, Corcoran, CA 93212. You can also contact the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water Office at (661) 335-7315.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

### **Secondary Notification Requirements**

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- **SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- **RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- **BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

This notice is being sent to you by J.G. Boswell Tomato Company Water System.

State Water System ID#: 1503380. Date distributed: 12/11/18.

**APPENDIX 3. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION  
DATED NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

**Certification of Completion of Public Notification**  
**(Include a Copy of Public Notice with the Certification of Public Notification)**

This form, when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water – Tehachapi District (4925 Commerce Drive, Suite 120, Bakersfield, CA 93309 or fax to 661-335-7316 or email to [dwpdist19@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:dwpdist19@waterboards.ca.gov)), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Sections 64463-64465.

Public Water System Name: J.G. Boswell Tomato Company Water System

Public Water System No.: 1503380

Public notification for failure to comply with the Total Coliform MCL for November 2018 was performed by the following method(s) (check and complete those that apply):

- ☐ The notice was mailed to users on: \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the notice is attached.
- ☐ The notice was hand delivered to water customers on: \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the notice is attached.
- ☐ The notice was published in the local newspaper on: \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the newspaper notice is attached.
- ☒ The notice was posted at conspicuous places on: 12/11/2018  
A copy of the notice is attached.  
A list of locations the notice was posted is attached.
- ☐ The notice was delivered to community organizations on: \_\_\_\_\_  
A copy of the notice is attached.  
A list of community organizations the notice was delivered to is attached.

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

Dennis Tristao  
Printed Name

Environmental Affairs Manager  
Title

[Signature]  
Signature

12/11/2018  
Date

**Disclosure:** Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached order may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for separate violation each day that the violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.

Due to the Division of Drinking Water within 10 days of issuance of notice to customers and no later than December 26, 2019.

Enforcement Action No. Pending



Locations where the notice was posted:

**J. G. Boswell Tomato Company LLC - Kern**

**36889 Highway 58**

**Buttonwillow, CA 93206**

- Scale House sink
- Scale House women's Restroom
- Scale House men's Restroom
- Control Room sink
- Filler Room sinks
- QA Lab sinks
- Break room sink
- Break Room women's Restroom
- Break Room men's Restroom
- Main Office Break Room sink
- Main Office reception area Restroom
- Main Office North East Restroom
- Main Office North West Restroom

## Appendix 4 – Notification of Receipt

**Citation Number:** 03\_19\_19C\_001

**Name of Water System:** JG Boswell Tomato Company LLC

**System Number:** 1503380

### Certification

I certify that I am an authorized representative of the JG Boswell Tomato Company LLC Water System and that Citation No. 03\_19\_19C\_001 was received on \_\_\_\_\_. Further I certify that the Citation has been reviewed by the appropriate management staff of the JG Boswell Tomato Company LLC Water System and it is clearly understood that Citation No. 03\_19\_19C\_001 contains legally enforceable directives with specific due dates.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Water System Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE STATE WATER BOARD,  
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER, NO LATER THAN JANUARY 18, 2019.**

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